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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 24876

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, LA, THA
SUBJ: LAO RELEASE OF THAI PRISONERS REPORTED

REF: BANGKOK 24572

1. BANGKOK POST FRONTPAGED STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 3 BY MP FROM UBON RATCHATHANI THAT PDRL HAS RELEASEE RECENTLY SOME THAI PRISONERS WHO HAD BEEN HELD IN LAOS ON VARIOUS CHARGES. HE CITED CASE OF ONE THAI WHO WAS PERMITTED TO BRING THREE CARS BACK HOME WITH HIM.

2. MFA OFFICIAL, WHILE CONCEDING THAT SUCH RELEASES COULD HAVE OCCURED, NOTED THAT UBON MP IS THUS FAR ONLY PERSON WHO SEEMS TO KNOW ABOUT THEM. HE SAID MFA HAS HEARD NOTHING THIS WEEK FROM THAI AMBASSADOR TO LAOS, SAWET KAMONLAPHUTI, ABOUT RESULTS OF ANY APPROACH HE MADE TO THE PDRL (REFTEL). IT CONTINUES TO HOPE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO INFORM THEM OF DATE FOR REOPENING OF THE TWO BORDER POINTS (SEPTEMBER 15, ACCORDING TO VICE FOREIGN MINISTER LEK NANA) AT SAME TIME THAT HE RECEIVES THEIR ASSURANCE THAT THEY "WILL HOLD UP THEIR SIDE OF THE BARGAIN", I.E., RELEASING THAI PRISONERS.

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3. LAO EMBOFF REPORTEDLY TOLD NEWSPAPER THE NATION THAT HE

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EXPECTS THE PRISONERS WILL INDEED BE RELEASED THE SAME DAY AS
THE BORDER POINTS ARE REOPENED.
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